

West Valley School District No. 208

**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Valley High School Auditorium, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# 854 4241 5413.

Board of Directors present: President Mark Strong, Dave Jaeger, and Mike Meyer.

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Director of Student and Family Support Lucas Jaeger, Student/Family/Community Engagement Coordinator Minerva Pardo, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 7:00 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mark Strong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Strong motioned to excuse Mark Mochel and Michael Thorner from the meeting. MC 3-0.

Changes to the Agenda: Mark Strong requested Discussion Item 9.A, Budget Development/Staffing be tabled for a future meeting, when all Board members are in attendance.

Communications:

- A. Response to Public Comment - Dr. Finch shared that administration has followed-up on a suggestion that was made during the public comment on May 10, 2022. The Facilities Department will post the following information at the entrance to the public restrooms in all schools: "A private restroom is available in the school office".
- B. Staff Retirement Recognition - The School Board recognized the following staff members for their years of service in West Valley: James Layne, Renee Hennessy, Sandra Hennessy, Peggy Schwartzenberger, Helen Sorrells, and Pam Stonecipher
- C. Community Recognition - West Valley Citizens for Better Schools
Dr. Finch shared that (WSSDA) Washington Association of School Administrators assists school districts each year to recognize community organizations that have a positive impact on schools. This year we recognized the West Valley Citizens for Better Schools for their work to educate the community about the importance of our local levy. The following community members were recognized: Rikki Cooper, Ryan Mathews, Michael Moore, Michelle Mueller, Jerry Prescott, and Tressa Ross Shockley.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:10 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. There was one comment about the Gender-Inclusive Schools policy and two comments regarding parents as primary stakeholders for their child's education.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 7:22 p.m.

School/Program Presentation(s): Equity & Inclusion - Dr. Finch shared with the School Board the action plan strategies for the 2022/23 school year, which was included in the Board packet. The strategies for Equity and Inclusion were developed throughout the school year and vetted by a work group of parents and school staff at faculty meetings, and focus groups of high school students.

One definition of Universal Design for Learning is providing student choice on how they access content, student choice on how they monitor their progress, and student choice on how they “show what they know.” Rick Griffith and Jenna Leaverton, eighth grade science teachers, shared information on how they provide students choice in their classrooms.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. May 10, 2022 Board Meeting

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

1. General Fund - Check #237225-237334; 237355-237493
2. Capital Projects Fund - Check #237351-237354; 237515-237518
3. ASB Fund - Check #237335-237350; 237494-237514
4. Procurement Card Detail

C. Financial Reports

1. Budget Status Report
2. General Fund Balance by Month and Year
3. General Fund Monthly Revenue and Expenditure
4. Fund Balance Detail
5. Capital Projects Fund - Balance Recap
6. Capital Project Fund - Project 1701 Summitview
7. Capital Project Fund - Project 1702 Apple Valley

D. Approval of Employment Contracts

1. Employment Overview
2. Alexander, Darcee Special Education Paraprofessional @ Summitview Elementary
3. Brockway, Beverlee SPL Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
4. Dolezal, Chance Assistant Principal @ West Valley High School
5. Durnan, Julie ESY SLP @ Extended School Year
6. Farris, Kasidy Bus Driver @ Transportation Department
7. Fortson, Valyncia Bus Driver @ Transportation Department
8. Gohl, Diane Extended School Year (ESY) Paraprofessional @ Extended School Year
9. Henning, Kimberly STEAM Teacher & TAP/ACCEL/TPEP Instructor @ West Valley School District
10. Jennings, Megan Board Certified Behavior Analyst (Non-Rep) @ West Valley School District
11. Klippert, Joshua Facilities Summer Hire @ Facilities Department
12. Palmer, Michelle Extended School Year (ESY) Special Education Teacher @ Extended School Year
13. Pearce, Joshua History Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
14. Stuber, Katherine Kelly Health/Science Teacher @ West Valley High School
15. Tillett, Cain Facilities Summer Hire @ Facilities Department
16. Troy, Melody Extended School Year (ESY) Paraprofessional
17. White, Tina One to One Paraprofessional @ West Valley High School
18. Wyatt, Jeremiah Facilities Summer Hire @ Facilities Department
19. Yates, Burnadette Facilities Summer Hire @ Facilities Department

E. Approval of Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)/Separation(s)

1. Ausema, Elizabeth Special Education Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
2. Caprile, Chris Art Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
3. Critchlow, Tim Facilities Director @ Facilities Department
4. Crofton, Kareen LAP Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
5. Detloff, Robert Manufacturing Designer @ Innovation Center
6. Ellis, Mary STEM Teacher & TAP/ACCEL/ Instructor @ West Valley Middle School
7. Franks, Cheryl Preschool Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
8. Lopez, Brianna One to One Paraprofessional @ Cottonwood Elementary
9. O'Brien, Rob Boys Golf Coach @ West Valley High School
10. Orozco, Felisha Temp District COVID Liaison @ West Valley School District
11. Rodriguez, Janette Science Teacher @ West Valley High School
12. Taylor, Heidi Humanities Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus

F. Approval of Leave Requests

1. Belles, Ashley Leave of Absence May 4, 2022 - June 15, 2022
2. Campbell, Alison Leave of Absence Aug. 24, 2022 - Nov. 28, 2022
3. Coomer, Joan Leave of Absence May 17, 2022 - June 15, 2022
4. Ethier, Julie Leave of Absence May 18, 2022 - July 15, 2022
5. Garcia, Perla Leave of Absence May 23, 2022 - Sept. 1, 2022
6. Henn, Deborah Leave of Absence April 7, 2022 - June 15, 2022
7. Lutgen, Isapela Leave of Absence May 23, 2022 - June 15, 2022
8. Panattoni, Amanda Leave of Absence May 17, 2022 - May 27, 2022

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the consent agenda, as presented. MC 3-0.

Discussion Items: Budget Development/Staffing - This item was tabled until the next meeting so that all School Board members could hear the information and join the discussion.

Public Comment of Discussion Items: At 7:59 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. One community member requested additional "response to public comment" regarding comments that were made at the School Board meeting on May 10, 2022.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 8:01 p.m.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Stacey Drake AASA National Leadership Academy, San Diego, CA - October 26-30, 2022.
2. Jeff Weeks Lewis & Clark State College Girls' Basketball Tournament, Lewiston, ID-June 10-12, 2022.
3. Peter Finch National Drop-Out Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA-October 8-12, 2022.

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 3-0.

Items Arising: No items were reported.

Reports: The following reports were included in the Board packet:

- A. Administrative Reports
- B. Enrollment Report
- C. Safety Report
- D. Travel Log Report

Dave Jaeger commented that each of the administrative reports were very well-done and informative. He appreciated seeing that schools are moving forward with inclusion. He also commented that he appreciated the high schools' focus on credit retrieval for current sophomore students. He anticipated that we will not see as many students drop-out between their sophomore year and their junior year as a result of the credit retrieval efforts. He expressed his appreciation for the teachers who were willing to work during their prep period this year and he appreciated the administration working credit retrieval into the master schedule for next school year so that teachers won't need to teach during their prep period in the upcoming school year.

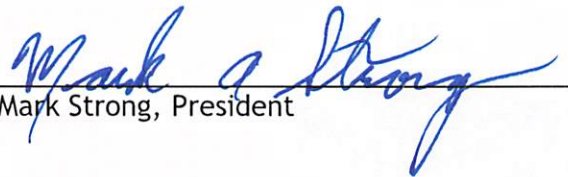
Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finch shared that West Valley is the only school system in the nation that was recognized by AASA as a Lighthouse System for Early Learning. As a result, West Valley has been asked to present at the AASA National Summit in Washington DC at the end of June.

Board Reports/Board Development: Mike Meyer shared that he attended a professional learning session earlier in the month when the AASA Early Learning Cohort visited West Valley. He said he was impressed with the quality of the presenters from West Valley.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Mark Strong, President